

NOAA NWS ISSUES RED FLAG WARNING FOR ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST, LOS ANGELES COUNTY MOUNTAINS AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREAS

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) Los Angeles/Oxnard office, due to critical fire weather conditions, announced it has issued a Red Flag Warning for Los Angeles and Ventura counties because of the forecasted gusty East winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures. The NOAA NWS Red Flag Warning remains in effect until 8 p.m. PST on Friday, January 24, 2014 for the Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles County Mountains, and Santa Clarita Valley areas.

Precautionary Preparedness Actions:

A NOAA NWS Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are occurring now or will be expected. This combination with strong winds, low relative humidity, warm temperatures, and dry fuels could create extreme fire danger and/or behavior.

Residents living in brush areas are reminded to take appropriate precautions. These precautions include the following:

Report any sign of smoke immediately to your local fire department by dialing 9-1-1 (If dialing 9-1-1 from your cellular phone, know your location). Use extreme caution when operating spark or flame-producing machinery in brush areas.

If living in a hazardous grass or brush area, have a Wildfire Action Plan in place. Be familiar with the Los Angeles County Fire Department's READY! SET! GO! This program provides important pre-planning and evacuation information to residents. Visit www.fire.lacounty.gov for more information.

Los Angeles County residents and businesses, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs may also call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed at <http://211la.org>. To register for the Specific Needs Awareness Planning program please go to <https://snap@lacounty.gov>. For disaster/emergency preparedness information, please access <http://lacoa.org> and/or <http://espfocus.org>.

Sources: NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard office – <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/>

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